

CLAIM LISTING

Claims 1-27 (cancelled).

28. (previously presented): A clock radio comprising:

an electronic time base to keep time;

a display device to display the time;

a control panel configured to receive local instructions, including local time set instructions and local alarm set instructions;

a communication interface configured to receive remote instructions, including remote time set instructions, remote alarm set instructions, and a remote audio data stream from a network device, wherein the remote audio data stream includes an audio file playlist having a plurality of audio files specified by a user through interaction with an interface output by a remote computer that is configured to provide instructions to the network device to form the audio file playlist; and

a control module configured to set the time, to set an alarm, and to render the remote audio data stream in accordance with the local instructions and the remote instructions.

29. (original): A clock radio as recited in claim 28, wherein the control panel comprises:

a forward button configured to skip forward to a next audio file in the remote audio data stream;

a back button configured to skip backward to a previous audio file in the remote audio data stream; and

an audio source button configured to skip between a plurality of audio data sources available from the network device.

30. (original): A clock radio as recited in claim 29, wherein the control panel further comprises:

- a snooze button to turn off the alarm temporarily;
- a stop/resume button to alternately stop and resume a local function;
- a local function button to alternately set the clock radio to different local functions; and
- a volume button to set a volume level for the clock radio.

31. (original): A clock radio as recited in claim 30, wherein the local functions are selected from the group comprising:

- a time set function;
- an alarm set function;
- an AM radio station function;
- an FM radio station function; and
- an audio source function.

32. (original): A clock radio as recited in claim 28, wherein the remote audio data stream comprises a preconfigured playlist of audio files.

33. (original): A clock radio as recited in claim 32, wherein the audio files are selected from the group comprising:

an appointment audio file representing text-based calendar appointment information translated by a text-to-speech engine;

an email audio file representing a text-based email translated by a text-to-speech engine;

a news audio file representing a text-based news story translated by a text-to-speech engine;

a weather audio file representing a text-based weather report translated by a text-to-speech engine;

a business audio file representing a text-based business story translated by a text-to-speech engine;

a sports audio file representing a text-based sports story translated by a text-to-speech engine;

a traffic audio file representing a text-based traffic report translated by a text-to-speech engine; and

a personal music file from a collection of music files.